

MEETING DATE: November 17, 2022 **AGENDA ITEM:** C

TO: BSCC Chair and Members

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SUBJECT: Medication-Assisted Treatment Grant Program, Appointment of Chair and Establishment of Executive Steering Committee: **Requesting Approval**

Summary

This agenda item requests approval to establish an Executive Steering Committee (ESC) to develop a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) Grant Program. Staff is also requesting the Board appoint a Chair to oversee the grant development process, authorize staff to work with the ESC Chair to establish a diverse ESC with relevant subject-matter expertise, and delegate authority to the Chair to modify ESC membership, if needed.

Background

Assembly Bill 653 (AB 653) (Chapter 745, Statutes of 2021) was approved by Governor Newsom on October 9, 2021 (Attachment C-1). This bill requires funding competitive grants to counties, and require counties receiving grants to use these funds for various purposes relating to the treatment of substance use disorders and the provision of medication-assisted treatment. The bill also requires grant-funded counties to collect and maintain data on the effectiveness of the program. County data will be compiled into a final report to the Legislature describing the activities funded by the grant program and the success of those activities in reducing drug overdoses and recidivism by people housed in jail and people under criminal justice supervision.¹

AB 653 also added language to the California Penal Code Section 1., Article 6 (commencing with Section 6047), Chapter 5 of Title 7 of Part 3 to read, in pertinent part:

6047.1. (a) The Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) Grant Program is hereby created and shall be administered by the Board of State and Community Corrections.

(b) The board shall award grants, on a competitive basis, to counties, as authorized by this article. The board shall establish minimum standards, funding schedules, and procedures for awarding grants.

On September 6, 2022, Governor Newsom approved Assembly Bill 179 (AB 179) (Chapter 249, Statutes of 2022) (Attachment C-2), amending the Budget Act of 2022 to include \$10

¹ "Criminal justice supervision" means probation, postrelease community supervision, and mandatory supervision. (Pen. Code, § 6047, subd. (a).)

million in funding for a new MAT Grant Program to be administered by the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC). (The BSCC is permitted to use up to five percent of this appropriation for administrative costs).

Proposed Activities

In consultation with the appointed Chair, staff will establish and convene an ESC of relevant subject-matter experts representing both the public and private sectors and a membership representing diverse professional and lived experience, geographic regions, and demographics. The BSCC will contact known experts and invite any interested person to submit a statement of interest to serve on the ESC through the BSCC's website at: http://www.bscc.ca.gov/s_bsccescsseekingmembership.php.

The ESC will meet to develop the Request for Proposals (RFP) in accordance with the Penal Code, read and rate proposals, and develop funding recommendations for the Board's approval.

The proposed activities and a corresponding tentative timeline for the development of the MAT Grant Program is shown below:

Tentative Timeline	Activity
November 17, 2022	Establish ESC and Appoint Chair
Mid-November 2022- Mid-January 2023	Establish the MAT Grant ESC Membership
February - March 2023	RFP development by ESC
Mid-April 2023	Present the RFP for BSCC Board approval
Mid-April 2023	Release the RFP to the field
Early May 2023	Bidders' Conference
June 2023	Proposals due to BSCC
June 2023	ESC Rater Training
August 2023	ESC rating of proposals complete
Mid-September 2023	Present funding recommendations to the BSCC Board
October 1, 2023	Grants Begin

Recommendation/Action Needed

Staff recommends that the Board:

1. Establish the Medication-Assisted Treatment Grant Executive Steering Committee and appoint a Chair.
2. Delegate authority to the Chair to work with BSCC staff to establish an ESC membership with relevant subject-matter expertise and to modify membership, if needed.
3. Authorize the ESC to oversee development of the Medication-Assisted Treatment Grant Program RFP and make funding recommendations.

Attachments

- C-1: Assembly Bill 653, in pertinent part
- C-2: Assembly Bill 179, in pertinent part